WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

मंडल आयोग की सिफारिशों को लागू करने के कार्य में प्रगति

*82. श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मंडल आयोग की सिफारिशों को लागू करने के कार्य में हुई प्रगति का क्या विवरण हैं ; और

(ख) सिफारिशों को लागू करने में विलम्ब के क्या कारण है ?

कल्याण मंत्रालय की राज्य मंत्री (डा० राजेन्द्र कुमारी वाजपेयी) (क) और (ख) मंडल आयोग की रिपोर्ट प्राप्त होने के बाद इसे राज्य सरकारों को परिचालित कर दिया गया था और संसद् में भी प्रस्तुत कर दिया गया था। चूंकि राज्य सरकारों द्वारा व्यक्त किए गए विचारों में मतैक्य नहीं था, अतः यह निश्चय किया गया कि सभी राज्य सरकारों से आरक्षण के संबंध में तथ्य एकत्र किए जाएं। भारत सरकार ने मुख्य मंत्रियों से मतैक्य प्राप्त होने तक यथास्थिति बनाए रखने का भी अनुरोध किया। भारत सरकार का अभी भी यही मत है कि पिछड़ी जातियों के लिए आरक्षण के प्रश्न पर जब तक मतैक्य नहीं हो जाता तब तक यथास्थिति बनाई रखी जाए।

Global Tenders for Fertilizer Plants

*84. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International Finance Corporation/World Bank has found in a study that the cost of a new Indian Fertilizer plant was more by $ 100 million to $ 150 million than of the comparable plants in the rest of the world and then had advised the Gujarat State Fertilizer Corporation to invite global tenders if it wanted money from the World Bank for its 1350 TPD Ammonia Plant;

(b) whether it is a fact that the global tenders, so invited have not been opened on the advice of the Central Government; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor and Government's policy in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): (a) The International Finance Corporation (Washington) had informed that estimates of one of the gas-based fertilizer projects being planned were higher than those of plants being built elsewhere. However, our study shows that cost estimates of our fertilizer projects are not significantly different from those being planned in other developing countries.

M/s. Gujarat State Fertilizer Company Ltd. have intimated that they were not asked by the International Finance Corporation (Washington) to invite global tenders but they did so on their own.

(b) No, Sir, it is not a fact.

(c) Does not arise; the policy of Government is that international competitive bidding should be followed for procurement of critical plant and machinery.

Visakhapatnam Steel Project

*85. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indo-Soviet panel had reviewed the construction of the Visakhapatnam Steel Project (VSP);

(b) if so, what have been the findings thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this project is not going up as per schedule;

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) what steps have been taken by Government to complete the project as per schedule?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Group concluded that the construction of the plant was going ahead satisfactorily.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The progress of construction of the project, the performance of the agencies working on it and the status of infrastructural support for the project are regularly monitered by the Government.

Working of Haldia Fertilizer Project

*89. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present position of working of Haldia Fertilizer Project;

(b) whether it is a fact that the development work of the Project for its commissioning for production has been kept suspended; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what is the future schemes of Government with regard to this project?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): (a) to (c) As there were frequent equipment problems during the commissioning of the Haldia Fertilizer Project, Government decided in October, 1986 to stop the commissioning activities. It has, however, been decided to undertake an end-to-end survey of the project for which consultants are being engaged.

Government of India Press, Aligarh

*91. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on account of the very short supply of reel paper to the Government of India Press, Aligarh, machines of the press remain idle resulting in a loss of several lakhs of rupees;

(b) if so, what is the total amount of loss annually on this account;

(c) what steps Government propose to take to ensure the regular required supply of reel paper to the press; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to improve the working of the Press?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) and (b) Some reelfed machines remained idle due to short supply of reel paper resulting in a loss of machine hours valued at Rs. 4,18,683.00 during the last financial year.

(c) Adequate funds have been provided to procure paper for the Government of India Presses during 1987-88. Indents have already been placed on the D.G.S. & D. Who will finalise the Rate Contracts shortly. Inspection procedure has also been changed to ensure supply of quality paper.

(d) Replacement of old and obsolete machinery by modern machinery in a phased manner, training of shop level and supervisory personnel to